

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lee Cheng on October 14, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 4, line 3 of the specification, "FIG. 8" has been changed to --FIG. 6--.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose or render obvious the claimed combination including: an electrostatically atomizing device having a liquid storing device, a carrier with a liquid collecting device, a first electrode, a second electrode, a voltage source, wherein the liquid storing means being accommodated within a housing together with the carrier, the first electrode, the second electrode and the voltage source, at least part of the liquid storing means being detachable, and the liquid storing means also comprises a reservoir and a replenish tank, wherein the housing is provided with a recess for accommodating the carrier, the first electrode, the second electrode and the replenish tank, a lid, and a switch.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dinh Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4907. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on 571-272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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